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In re Application:

Inventor: Buechler et al

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USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND
REQUEST FOR PRE-APPEAL BRIEF CONFERENCE COINCIDENT WITH FILING OF
NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2007 (referred to hereinafter as "the Office Action"), please consider the following remarks. Please charge any fee for extensions of time due or any other fees necessary in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 36671-745.502).

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